

to fit on the small display all at once. If desired, the options and content of screens such as screens 3-8 may be presented using additional menu screens (e.g., additional layers of menus or the like).

Please replace the paragraph that begins at page 38, line 8 and ends at page 38, line 14 with the following amended version of that paragraph:

After the user has selected a desired wager type (e.g., a win wager in the example of FIG. 5), the interactive wagering application may present a horse selection screen to the user such as horse selection screen 90 of FIG. 6. Information 86 may be included in race ticket region 48 to indicate which wager type has been selected.

In the Claims

1. (Amended) A method for submitting electronic wagers on races that are to be run to computer equipment over a communications network using an interactive wagering application that is implemented using in-home user equipment and at least one wireless portable computing device with a display that is in two-way wireless communications with the in-home user equipment, comprising:

providing a user at the wireless portable computing device with on-screen options on the display of the wireless portable computing device that allow the user to

create a wager for a given race to be run, wherein the on-screen options are based at least in part on racing data received by the in-home user equipment from the communications network; and

allowing the user to wirelessly transmit the wager from the wireless portable computing device to the in-home user equipment over a wireless communications path when it is desired to submit the wager for processing; and

transmitting the wager from the in-home user equipment to the computer equipment over the communications network for processing.

44. (Amended) An interactive wagering system that provides a user with an opportunity to submit electronic wagers on races that are to be run to computer equipment over a communications network using an interactive wagering application, comprising:

in-home user equipment; and

at least one wireless portable computing device with a display that is in two-way wireless communication with the in-home user equipment, wherein the in-home user equipment and the wireless portable computing device are configured to:

provide the user with on-screen options on the display of the wireless portable computing device that

allow the user to create a wager for a given race to be run, wherein the on-screen options are based at least in part on racing data received by the in-home user equipment from the communications network; and

allow the user to wirelessly transmit the wager from the wireless portable computing device to the in-home user equipment over a wireless communications path when it is desired to submit the wager for processing; and

transmit the wager from the in-home user equipment to the computer equipment over the communications network for processing.

91. (New) A computer readable medium encoded with machine-readable instructions for use in submitting electronic wagers on races that are to be run to computer equipment over a communications network using an interactive wagering application that is implemented using in-home user equipment and at least one wireless portable computing device with a display that is in two-way wireless communications with the in-home user equipment, the machine-readable instructions comprising:

providing a user at the wireless portable computing device with on-screen options on the display of the wireless portable computing device that allow the user to create a wager for a given race to be run, wherein the on-

screen options are based at least in part on racing data received by the in-home user equipment from the communications network; and

allowing the user to wirelessly transmit the wager from the wireless portable computing device to the in-home user equipment over a wireless communications path when it is desired to submit the wager for processing; and

transmitting the wager from the in-home user equipment to the computer equipment over the communications network for processing.

92. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91 wherein the race is a horse race, the method further comprising allowing the user to use the wireless portable computing device to select a horse for the wager.

93. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91 further comprising providing the user with an opportunity to use the wireless portable computing device to select a racetrack for the wager.

94. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91 further comprising providing the user with an opportunity to use the wireless portable computing device to select a race for the wager.

95. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91 further comprising providing the user with an opportunity to use the wireless portable computing device to select a wager type for the wager.

96. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91 further comprising providing the user with an opportunity to use the wireless portable computing device to select a wager amount for the wager.

97. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the computer equipment is part of a transaction processing and subscription management system, the method further comprising processing the wager with the transaction processing and subscription management system once the wager has been placed.

98. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the race is a horse race and wherein an account is maintained for the user at a transaction processing and subscription management system, the method further comprising processing the wager once the wager has been placed and crediting the account when the wager is successful.

99. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the in-home user equipment includes user television equipment.

100. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the in-home user equipment includes a set-top box and wherein transmitting the wager from the in-home user equipment to the computer equipment over the communications network for processing comprises transmitting the wager from the set-top box to the computer equipment over the communications network for processing.

101. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the in-home user equipment includes user computer equipment.

102. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the in-home user equipment includes a personal computer and wherein transmitting the wager from the in-home user equipment to the computer equipment over the communications network for processing comprises transmitting the wager from the personal computer to the computer equipment over the communications network for processing.

103. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the wireless portable computing device is a handheld computer, the method further comprising using the handheld computer to wirelessly receive handicapping information from the in-home user equipment.

104. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the wireless portable computing device is a handheld computer and the in-home user equipment is a set-top box, the method further comprising using the handheld computer to wirelessly receive handicapping information from the set-top box.

105. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the wireless portable computing device is a handheld computer and the in-home computing device is a personal computer, the method further comprising using the handheld computer to wirelessly receive handicapping information from the personal computer.

106. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the wireless portable computing device is a handheld computer, the method further comprising using the handheld computer to wirelessly receive race results from the in-home user equipment.

107. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the wireless portable computing device is a handheld computer and the in-home user equipment is a set-top box, the method further comprising using the handheld computer to wirelessly receive race results from the set-top box.

108. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the wireless portable computing device is a handheld computer and the in-home computing device is a personal computer, the method further comprising using the handheld computer to wirelessly receive race results from the personal computer.

109. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the wireless portable computing device is an electronic book, the method further comprising using the electronic book to wirelessly receive handicapping information from the in-home user equipment.

110. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the wireless portable computing device is an electronic book and the in-home user equipment is a set-top box, the method further comprising using the

electronic book to wirelessly receive handicapping information from the set-top box.

111. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the wireless portable computing device is an electronic book and the in-home computing device is a personal computer, the method further comprising using the electronic book to wirelessly receive handicapping information from the personal computer.

112. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the wireless portable computing device is an electronic book, the method further comprising using the electronic book to wirelessly receive racing results from the in-home user equipment.

113. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the wireless portable computing device is an electronic book and the in-home user equipment is a set-top box, the method further comprising using the electronic book to wirelessly receive racing results from the set-top box.

114. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the wireless portable computing device

is an electronic book and the in-home computing device is a personal computer, the method further comprising using the electronic book to wirelessly receive racing results from the personal computer.

115. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the wireless portable computing device is a web tablet, the method further comprising using the web tablet to wirelessly receive handicapping information from the in-home user equipment.

116. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the wireless portable computing device is a web tablet and the in-home user equipment is a set-top box, the method further comprising using the web tablet to wirelessly receive handicapping information from the set-top box.

117. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the wireless portable computing device is a web tablet and the in-home computing device is a personal computer, the method further comprising using the web tablet to wirelessly receive handicapping information from the personal computer.

118. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the wireless portable computing device is a web tablet, the method further comprising using the web tablet to wirelessly receive racing results from the in-home user equipment.

119. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the wireless portable computing device is a web tablet and the in-home user equipment is a set-top box, the method further comprising using the web tablet to wirelessly receive racing results from the set-top box.

120. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the wireless portable computing device is a web tablet and the in-home computing device is a personal computer, the method further comprising using the web tablet to wirelessly receive racing results from the personal computer.

121. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91 further comprising allowing multiple users to access the interactive wagering application using a plurality of the wireless portable computing devices.

122. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the in-home user equipment communicates wirelessly with a plurality of wireless portable computing devices, the method comprising allowing multiple users at the plurality of wireless portable computing devices to each use a respective one of the plurality of wireless portable computing devices to place an independent wager through the in-home user equipment.

123. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the in-home user equipment is a set-top box that communicates wirelessly with a plurality of wireless portable computing devices, the method comprising allowing multiple users at the plurality of wireless portable computing devices to each place an independent wager through the set-top box.

124. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the in-home user equipment is a personal computer that communicates wirelessly with a plurality of wireless portable computing devices, the method comprising allowing multiple users at the plurality of wireless portable computing devices to each place an independent wager through the personal computer.

125. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the in-home user equipment communicates wirelessly with a plurality of handheld computers, the method comprising allowing multiple users at the plurality of handheld computers to each place an independent wager through the in-home user equipment.

126. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the in-home user equipment is a set-top box that communicates wirelessly with a plurality of handheld computers, the method comprising allowing multiple users at the handheld computers to each place an independent wager through the set-top box.

127. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the in-home user equipment is a personal computer that communicates wirelessly with a plurality of handheld computers, the method comprising allowing multiple users at the plurality of handheld computers to each place an independent wager through the personal computer.

128. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the in-home user equipment communicates wirelessly with a plurality of web tablets, the method comprising allowing multiple users at the plurality of web

tablets to each place an independent wager through the in-home user equipment.

129. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the in-home user equipment is a set-top box that communicates wirelessly with a plurality of web tablets, the method comprising allowing multiple users at the plurality of web tablets to each place an independent wager through the set-top box.

130. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the in-home user equipment is a personal computer that communicates wirelessly with a plurality of web tablets, the method comprising allowing multiple users at the plurality of web tablets to each place an independent wager through the personal computer.

131. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the in-home user equipment communicates wirelessly with a plurality of electronic books, the method comprising allowing multiple users at the plurality of electronic books to each place an independent wager through the in-home user equipment.

132. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the in-home user equipment is a set-top box that communicates wirelessly with a plurality of electronic books, the method comprising allowing multiple users at the plurality of electronic books to each place an independent wager through the set-top box.

133. (New) The computer readable medium defined in claim 91, wherein the in-home user equipment is a personal computer that communicates wirelessly with a plurality of electronic books, the method comprising allowing multiple users at the plurality of electronic books to each place an independent wager through the personal computer.

134. (New) A computer readable medium encoded with machine-readable instructions for using wireless application protocol (WAP) communications to wirelessly submit electronic wagers on races that are to be run to computer equipment using an interactive wagering application that is implemented using wireless user equipment with a display, the machine-readable instructions comprising:

providing a user at the wireless user equipment with on-screen options on the display of the wireless user equipment that allow the user to create a wager for a given race to be run;

allowing the user to wirelessly transmit the wager from the wireless user equipment to a communications network over a wireless communications path using the wireless application protocol (WAP) when it is desired to submit the wager for processing; and

receiving the wager at the computer equipment over the communications network for processing.

135. (New) A computer readable medium encoded with machine-readable instructions for wirelessly submitting electronic wagers on races that are to be run to computer equipment using an interactive wagering application that is implemented using wireless user equipment with a display, the machine-readable instructions comprising:

providing a user at the wireless user equipment with on-screen options on the display of the wireless user equipment that allow the user to create a wager for a given race to be run;

allowing the user to transmit the wager from the wireless user equipment to a communications network via communications equipment at a racetrack that communicates wirelessly with the wireless user equipment when it is desired to submit the wager for processing; and

receiving the wager at the computer equipment from the communications equipment at the racetrack over the communications network for processing.